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ALLE MOLINETTE**

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# **Artrite Reumatoide: quando età e genere possono fare la differenza**

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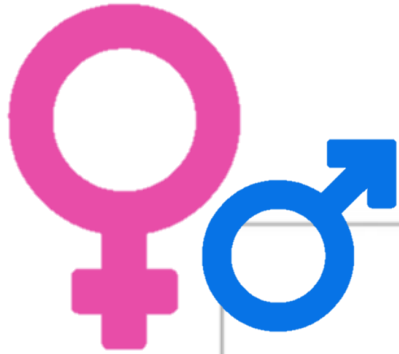
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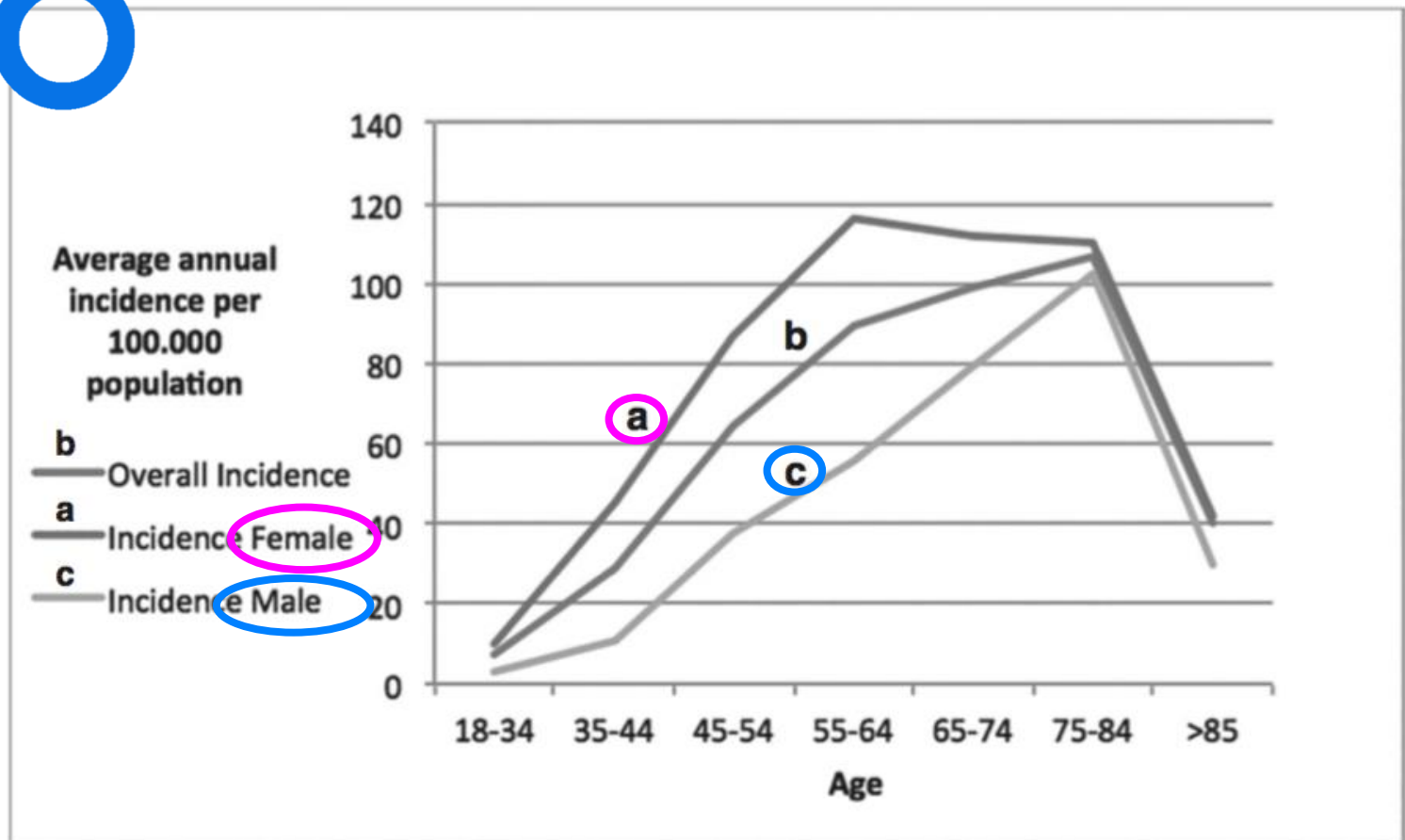
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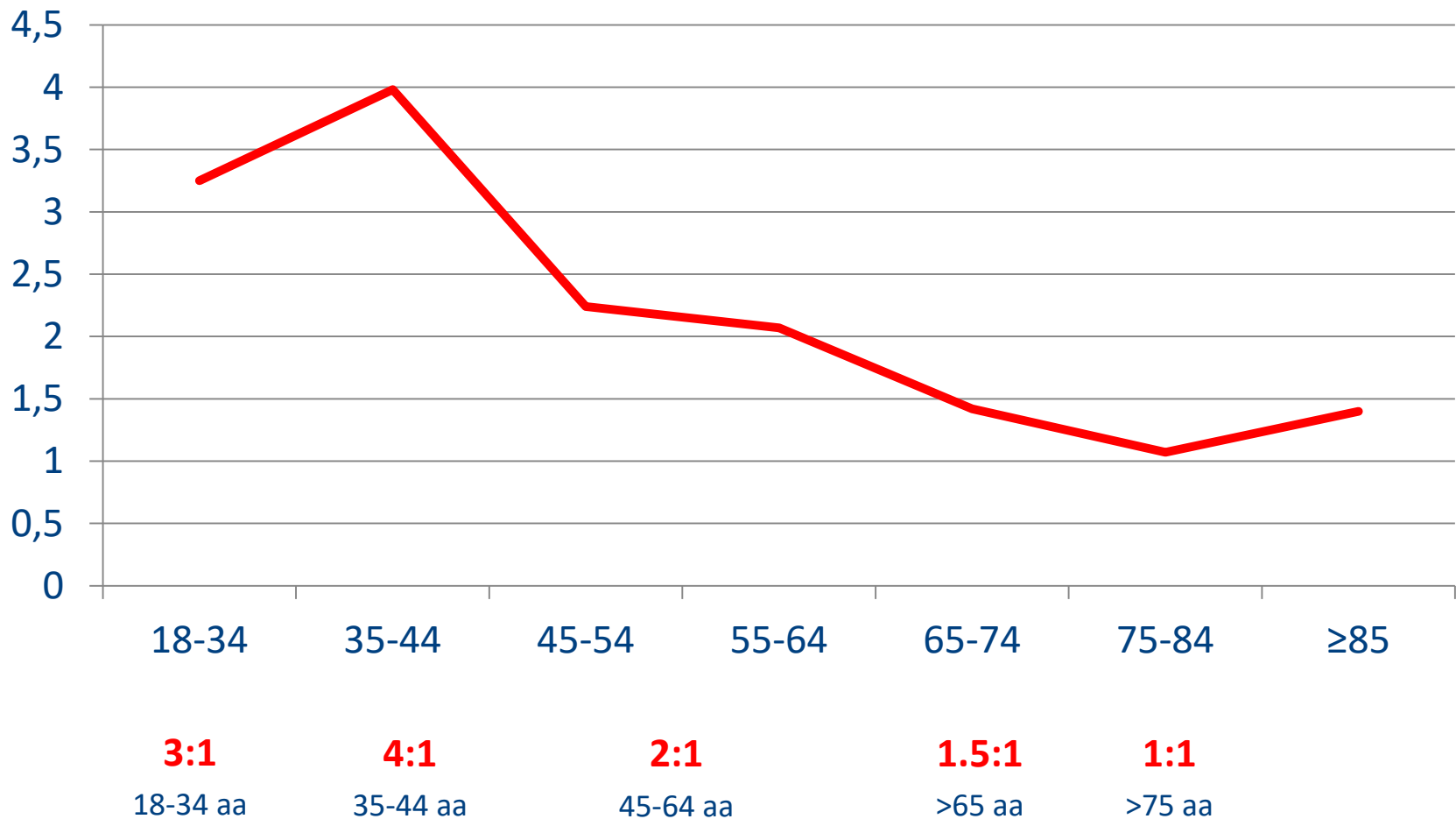
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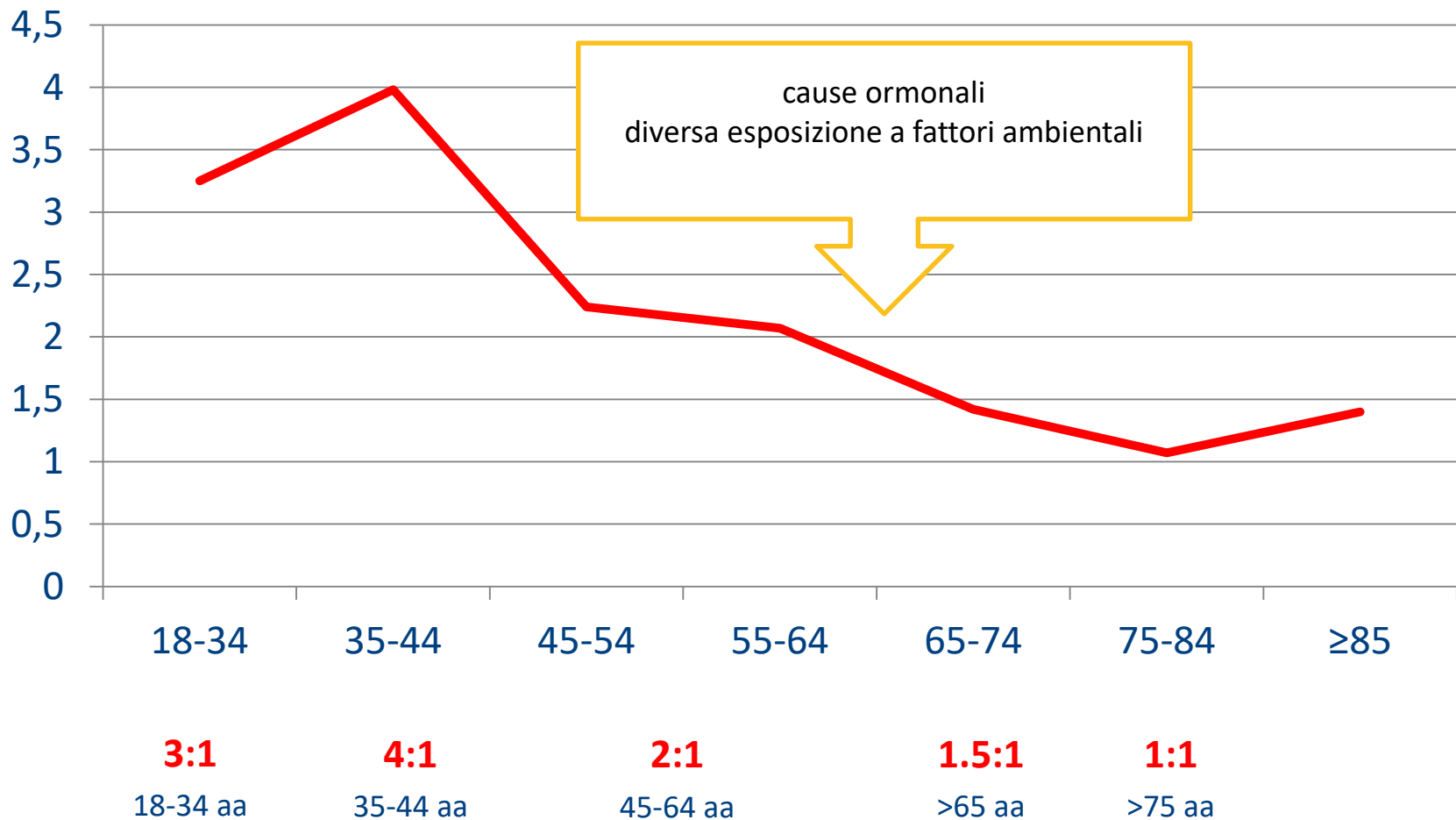
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# Presentazione clinica: attività di malattia e disabilità

## **STUDIO BARFOT**

844 pz con early AR, Svezia

donne: >> DAS28 e HAQ-DI

## **STUDIO QUEST-RA**

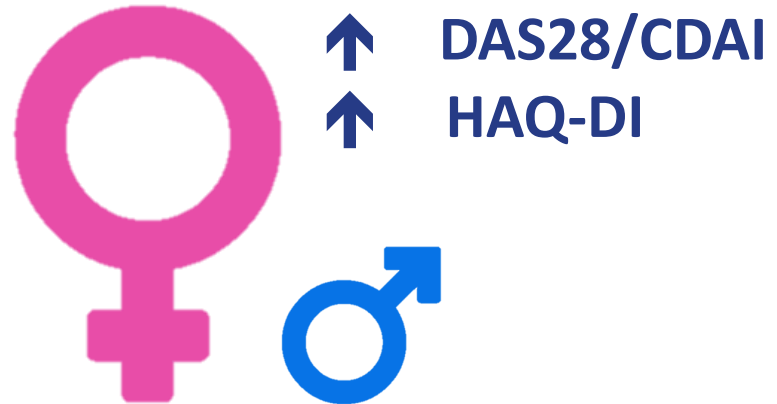
6004 pz con AR in 25 nazioni

donne: >> DAS28 , SJC, HAQ-DI

## **STUDIO CORONNA**

10 299 pz con early AR e AR, USA

donne: >> CDAI, HAQ-DI



Tengstrand B, et al. J Rheumatol.2004;31:214-22.

Sokka T, et al. Arthritis Res Ther. 2009;11:R7.

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# Risposta alla terapia-csDMARD/TNFi

Uomini:

maggiore percentuale di remissione a 6 mesi -5 anni

	Study	Study design	No. of patients (F)	Mean disease duration	Response outcome measures and gender influence	
csDMARDs	BARFOT	Multicenter observational prospective study	689 (446)	6.2 months	DAS28 remission at 18 and 24 months—more frequent in male (OR 1.557 [CI 1.062–2.283] and 1.713 [CI 1.208–2.431], respectively)	♂
	CORRONA (early RA)	Multicenter observational prospective study	3017 (2263)	0.9 years	CDAI remission at 6 months—more frequent in male (OR 1.38 [CI 1.07–1.78])	♂
	ERAS	Multicenter observational cohort study	704 (462)	< 6 months	DAS28 remission at 3, 4, and 5 years—more frequent in male (OR 2.6 [CI 1.6–4.56])	♂
	CORRONA (established RA)	Multicenter observational prospective study	7282 (5630)	13 years	CDAI remission at 6 months—no sex differences (OR 0.93 [CI 0.75–1.22])	=
	QUEST-RA	Multicenter cross-sectional cohort study	6004 (4755)	11.2 years	DAS28 remission—more frequent in male versus female (30 versus 16.9%, respectively)	♂
bDMARDs - TNFi	BRSBR	Multicenter observational prospective study	2711 (2114)	15 years	DAS28 remission at 6 months—less frequent in female (ETN, OR 0.61 [CI 0.38–0.94]; IFX, OR 0.60 [CI 0.40–0.89])	♂
	GISEA	Multicenter observational cohort study	591 (404)	11.6 years	DAS28 remission at 6 months—more frequent in male (OR 0.659 [CI 0.450–0.965], $p = 0.032$ )	♂
	DANBIO (early RA)	Multicenter observational prospective cohort study	476 (328)	1.22 years	EULAR good/moderate response at 48 months—more frequent in male (OR 0.93 [CI 0.31–1.55], $p = 0.003$ )	♂
	Hellenic registry	Multicenter observational prospective cohort study	2216 (1297)	Established RA	DAS28 low disease activity and EULAR good response at 12 months—more frequent in male (HR 1.33 [CI 1.02–1.73] and 1.45 [CI 1.10–1.90], respectively)	♂

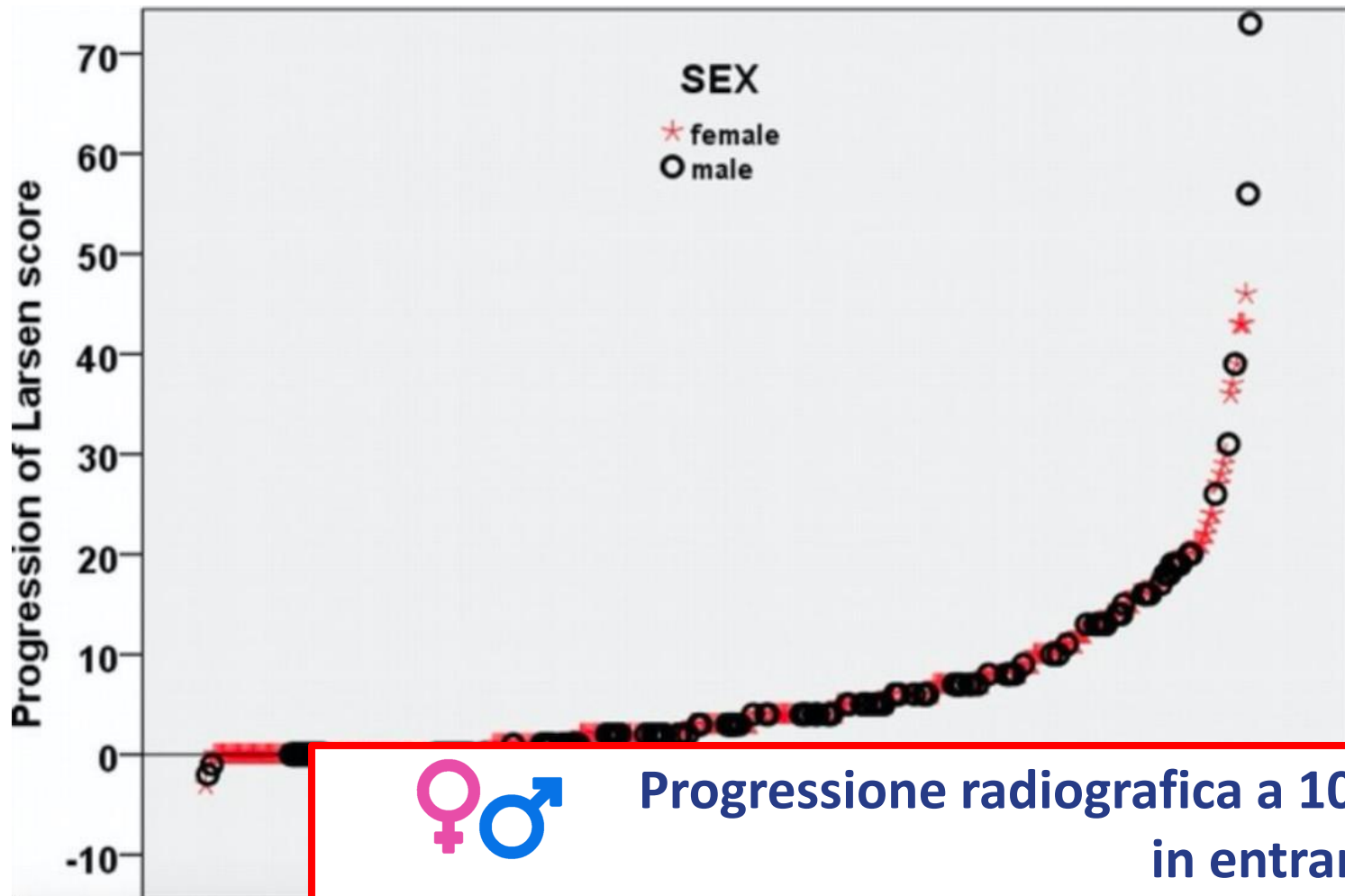
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LORHEN	Multicenter observational cohort study	1064 (885)	9.44 years	TNFi retention rate at 12, 24, and 36 months—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
RADIUS	Multicenter observational cohort study	2418 (1881)	Established RA	TNFi discontinuation—higher in female for IFX (HR 1.24 [CI 1.01–1.51], $p = 0.040$ ), ETN (HR 1.3 [CI 0.95–1.78], $p = \text{n.s.}$ ) and ADA (HR 1.08 [CI 0.70–1.64], $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
GOAREL	Longitudinal prospective observational study	88 (71)	8.1 years	Golimumab 2-year discontinuation risk—higher in female (HR 1.9 [CI 1.182–3.236]; $p = 0.009$ )	=
DREAM	Multicenter observational cohort study	1560 (1085)	Established RA	TNFi retention rate at 5 years—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
SSATG	Multicenter observational cohort study	1565 (1212)	Established RA	TNFi retention rate at 6 months—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
Meta-analysis	Up to February 2014	> 200,000	n.a.	TNFi retention rate at 4 years—no sex differences (HR 1.18 [CI 1.03–1.36], $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
DANBIO	Multicenter observational cohort study	150 (116)	8.5 years	ABT retention rate at 48 weeks—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
ORA	Multicenter observational cohort study	773 (608)	14 years	ABT retention rate at 6 months—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
ROC	Multicenter pragmatic open-label randomized clinical study	300 (243)	10 years	ABT retention rate at 52 weeks—no sex differences (HR 1.01 [CI 0.85–1.20], $p = \text{n.s.}$ including ACPA status; or HR 0.98 [CI 0.84–1.14], $p = \text{n.s.}$ including RF status)	=
ACTION	Non-interventional international multicenter cohort study	865 (719)	n.a.	ABT retention rate at 2 years—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
BSRBR	National prospective cohort study	646 (497)	14.3 years	RTX retention rate at 6 months—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
AIR	Multicenter prospective cohort study	1709 (1321)	16 years	RTX retention rate at 18 months—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=
Pers et al.	Retrospective cohort study	222 (183)	14 years	TCZ retention rate at 6 months—no sex differences ( $p = \text{n.s.}$ )	=

minore %  
retention rate

# Danno radiografico

Studio longitudinale finlandese, 10 aa di follow-up: **1046 pz early AR**



# Ridotta percentuale di remissione: influenza della FM?

Fibromialgia

Italia 2017: **117 pz AR**  
(77.2% donne)

età media 59 aa (25–83)  
durata media di malattia 11.2 aa

Dopo 6 mesi dall'inizio  
di csDMARD e/o bDMARD:  
**remissione SDAI: 24 (20.4%)**

**Table 2** Logistic regression analysis with the Simplified Disease Activity Index remission as the dependent variable

Independent variables	Odds ratios	95% CI	<i>P</i>
Overall statistics	29.85		
Age (years)	0.22	0.08–0.78	0.423
Gender	0.68	0.29–1.09	0.559
BMI	0.26	0.07–0.80	0.304
Disease duration (years)	0.19	0.01–0.68	0.534
Education (years)	1.98	0.65–3.09	0.513
ACPA (titre)	0.13	0.06–0.42	0.355
RF (titre)	0.40	0.20–0.59	0.323
PDQ	0.59	0.27–0.89	0.978
mRDCI	9.59	4.06–14.88	0.000
SDAI	0.64	0.43–0.92	0.357
WPI + SS	9.14	4.95–13.66	0.000
SF36-MCS	2.35	1.02–3.97	0.008
SF36-PCS	1.29	0.64–2.07	0.887

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SF-36			
Physical functioning	57.7 (±22.1)	67.3 (±22.7)	0.01
Role physical	66.0 (±25.7)	68.4 (±25.5)	0.50
Bodily pain	52.0 (±27.1)	60.0 (±27.3)	0.08
General health	41.3 (±21.7)	50.0 (±24.3)	0.02
Vitality	55.2 (±20.6)	61.2 (±19.3)	0.07
Social functioning	73.7 (±26.7)	74.6 (±23.9)	0.80
Role emotional	77.7 (±26.3)	79.1 (±24.7)	0.70
Mental health	63.7 (±22.0)	71.8 (±21.1)	0.02
Physical component summary score	39.3 (±8.9)	42.4 (±9.3)	0.04
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M-HAQ	0.89 (±2.6)	0.22 (±0.9)	0.04

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**Fattori associati a peggiori punteggi all'HAQ e SF-36:**

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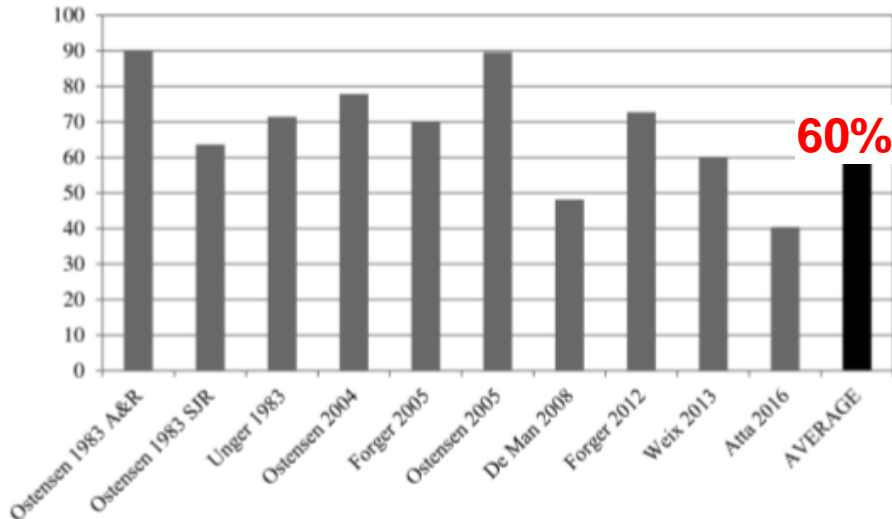
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AR: in gravidanza e post-partum?

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% Improved during pregnancy

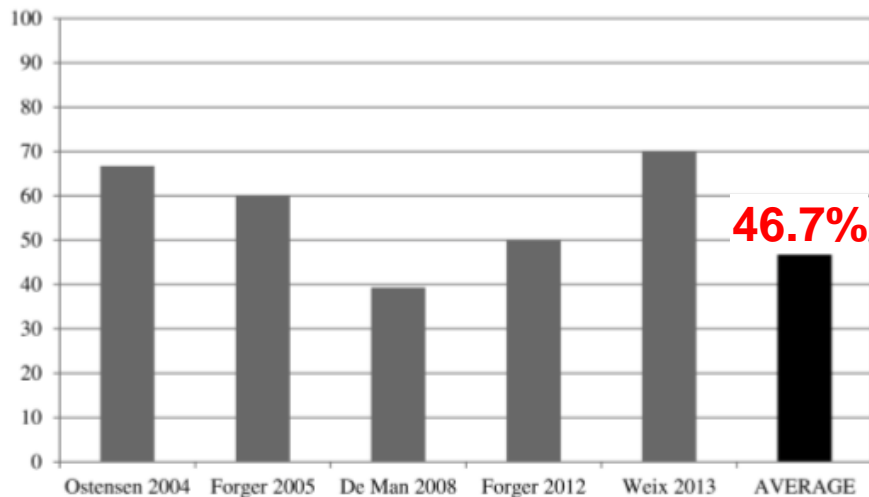


METANALISI:

10 studi: 237 pz in gravidanza,  
135 pz post-partum

**60%: malattia migliora in gravidanza**  
**46.7%: riacutizzazioni nel post-partum**

% Flared postpartum



Pz ACPA e/FR +:

minore percentuale di miglioramento

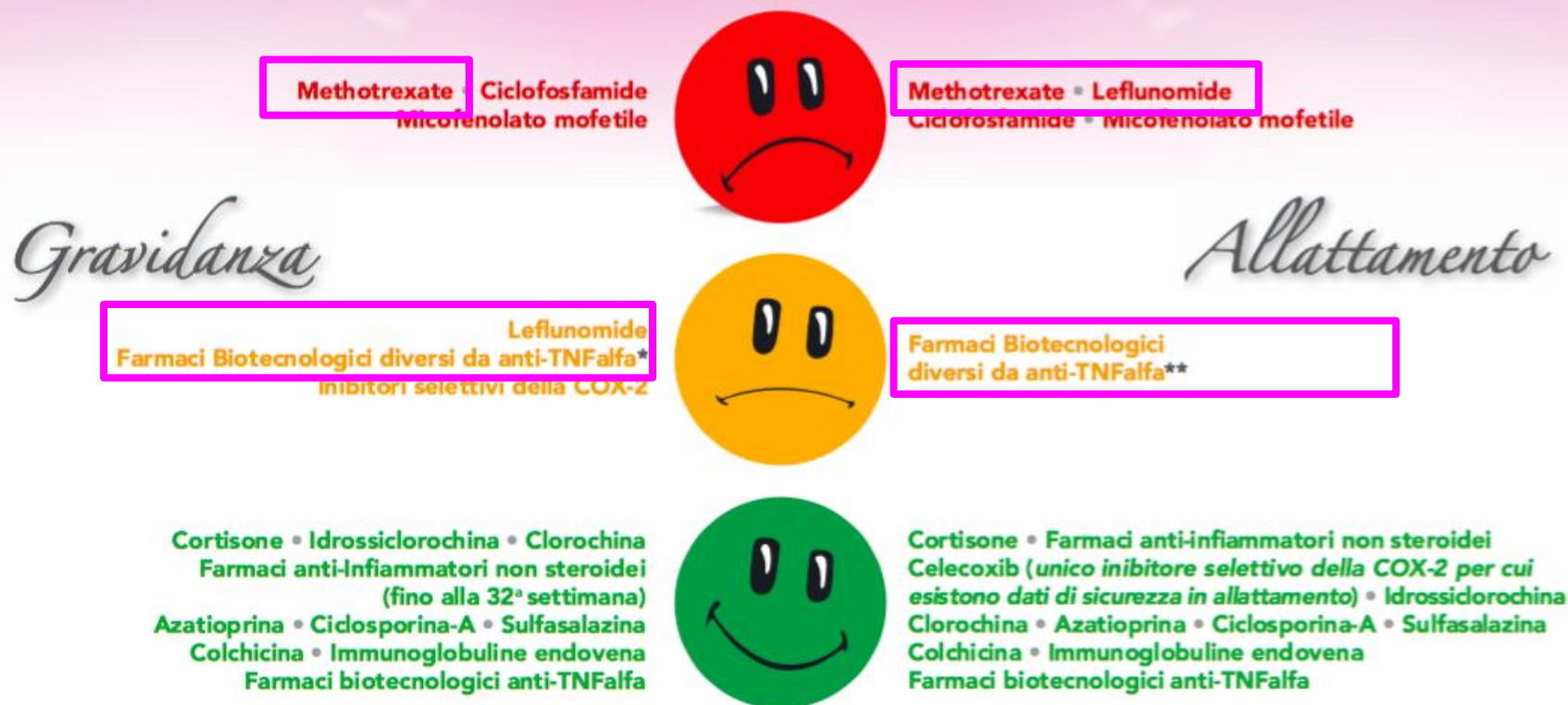
de Man YA et al. 2010

*POSSIBILI SPIEGAZIONI:*

1. Misurazioni soggettive vs strumenti oggettivi
2. Diverse popolazioni
3. Inclusione di pz con malattia più aggressiva?

# Terapia – età fertile

## Compatibilità di utilizzo in gravidanza e allattamento di farmaci indicati nelle malattie reumatiche

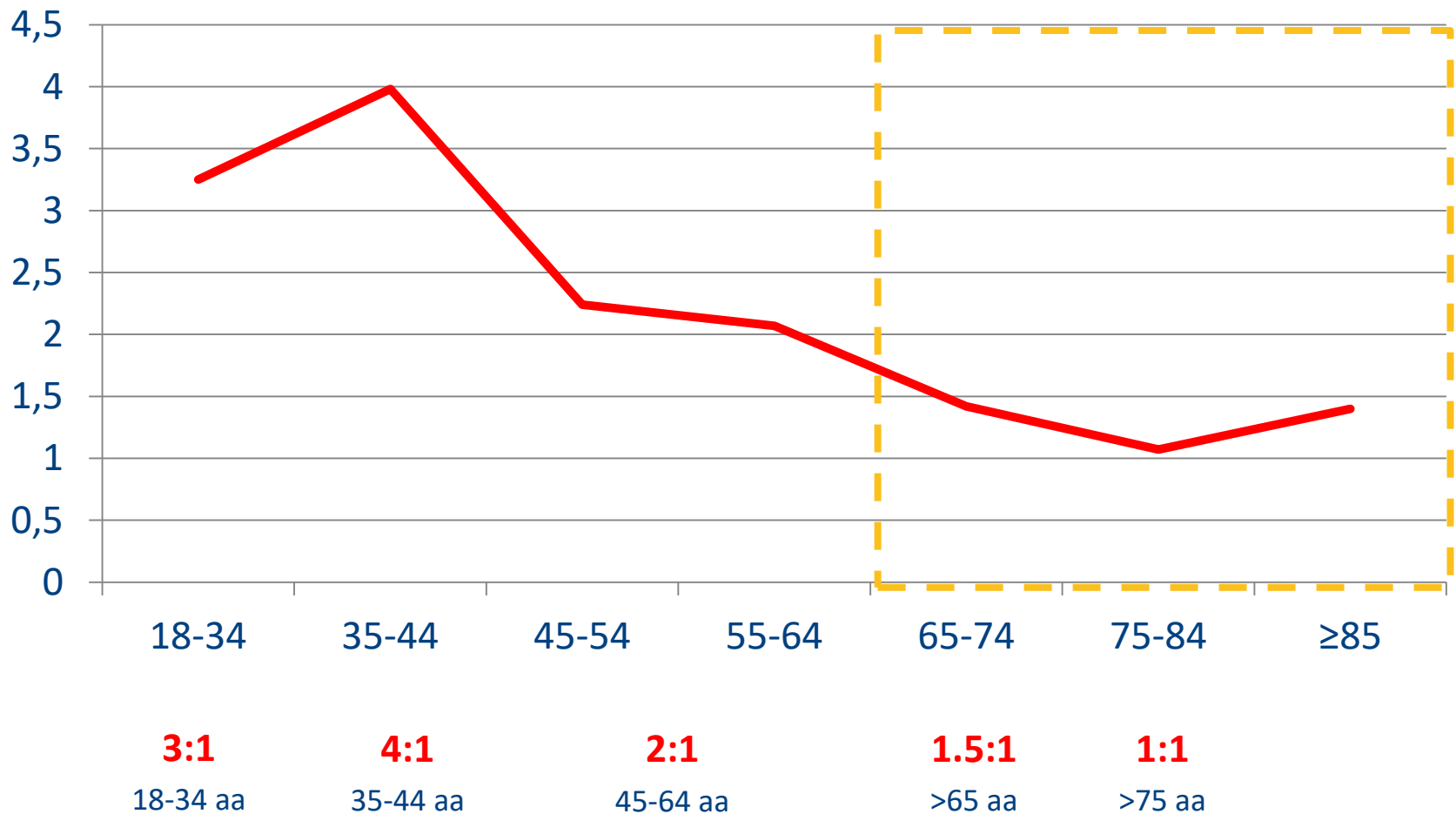


\*La struttura molecolare di molti di questi farmaci (anticorpi monoclonali) suggerisce che il loro passaggio attraverso la placenta possa essere virtualmente assente fino al secondo trimestre a causa della "immaturità" della placenta. In linea teorica, ricevere questi farmaci durante il primo trimestre non dovrebbe determinare effetti sul feto. Pertanto, il loro utilizzo può essere valutato se altre opzioni terapeutiche non risultassero indicate o percorribili.

\*\*Questi farmaci sono molecole proteiche di grosse dimensioni e dunque dotate di scarse possibilità di passaggio nel latte materno. Anche qualora fosse presente nel latte materno, il farmaco verrebbe degradato nell'apparato digerente del neonato con impossibilità di assorbimento. Pertanto, la possibilità di allattare in corso di terapia può essere discussa.

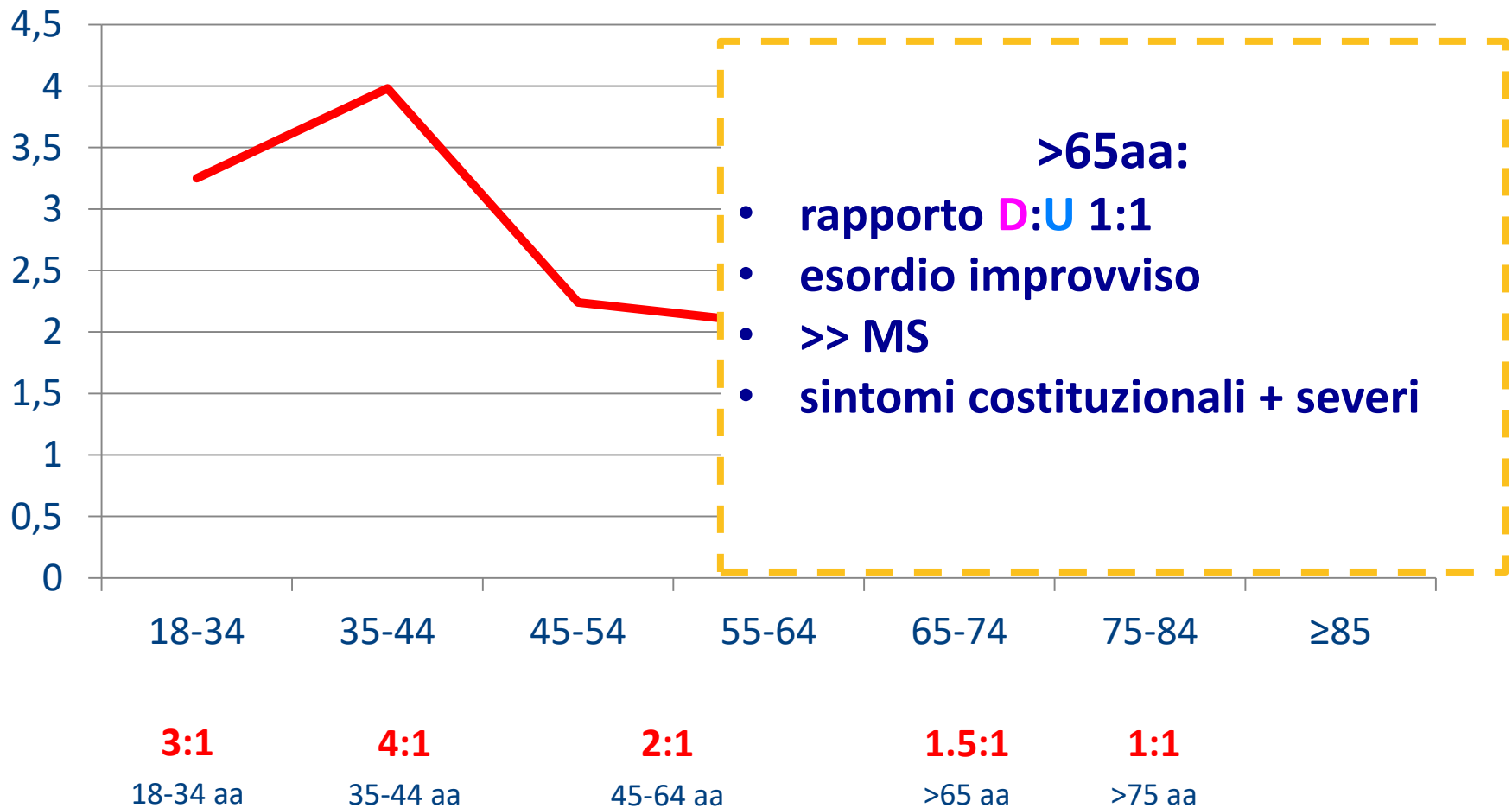
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Registro americano CORRONA: **9381** pz con **EORA** vs **2101** pz con **YORA**

**Table 2** Characteristics of patients by comorbidities

	Age at onset of RA						
	≥60 years			40–60 years			p Value
	%	Freq	n	%	Freq	n	
Sex (female)	69.3	1440	2077	71.9	1506	2094	0.072
Use of methotrexate	63.9	1342	2101	59.6	1253	2101	0.005
Use of biological agent	25.0	525	2101	33.1	696	2101	0.000
Use of >1 DMARD	30.9	649	2101	40.5	851	2101	0.000
Use of prednisone	41.0	837	2039	37.64	778	2067	0.025
Hx of peptic ulcer disease	6.4	135	2101	5.6	118	2101	0.299
Hx of CAD	8.9	187	2101	3.7	77	2101	0.000
Hx of GERD	16.8	353	2101	16.7	352	2101	1.000
Hx of MI	5.9	125	2101	3.0	63	2101	0.000
Hx of hypertension	41.4	870	2101	27.4	575	2101	0.000
Hx of stroke	3.8	79	2101	1.4	30	2101	0.000
Hx of CVD*	14.4	303	2101	6.6	138	2101	0.000

<<MTX  
<<bDMARD

<< DMARD>1

>> GCs

COMORBILITA'  
CV

CAD, coronary artery disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DMARD, disease-modifying antirheumatic drug; Freq, frequency; GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease; Hx, history; MI, myocardial infarction; RA, rheumatoid arthritis.

\*CAD, MI, stroke combined.

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- **multi-comorbidità**
  - IRC (MTX)
  - Ipertensione arteriosa (LEF)
  - DM (> rischio di infezioni)
- **terapia polifarmacologica** (rischio interazioni farmacologiche)

AR



# bDMARD >65aa e rischio di infezioni

**183 pz con AR >65 aa**

**3 anni di follow-up:**

**bDMARD 64 vs non-bDMARD 119**

**tasso di incidenza di infezioni severe**

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	Serious infection		<i>P</i>
	(+) ( <i>n</i> = 10)	(-) ( <i>n</i> = 54)	
Age (years, mean $\pm$ SD)	74.5 $\pm$ 4.4	73.6 $\pm$ 5.3	0.63
Female, <i>n</i> (%)	7 (70.0%)	43 (79.6%)	0.49
Disease duration (years, mean $\pm$ SD)	15.4 $\pm$ 9.4	12.2 $\pm$ 9.7	0.34
Observation period (months), median (IQR)	35 (21–36)	36 (27–36)	0.60
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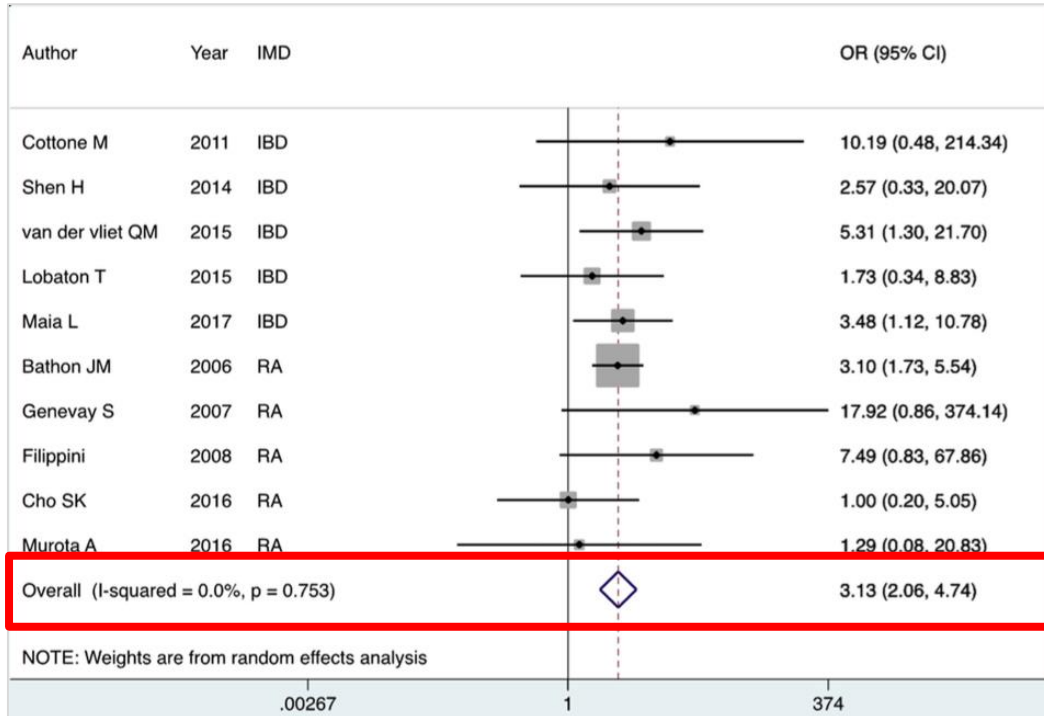
**GCs: aumentato rischio di OSTEOPOROSI,  
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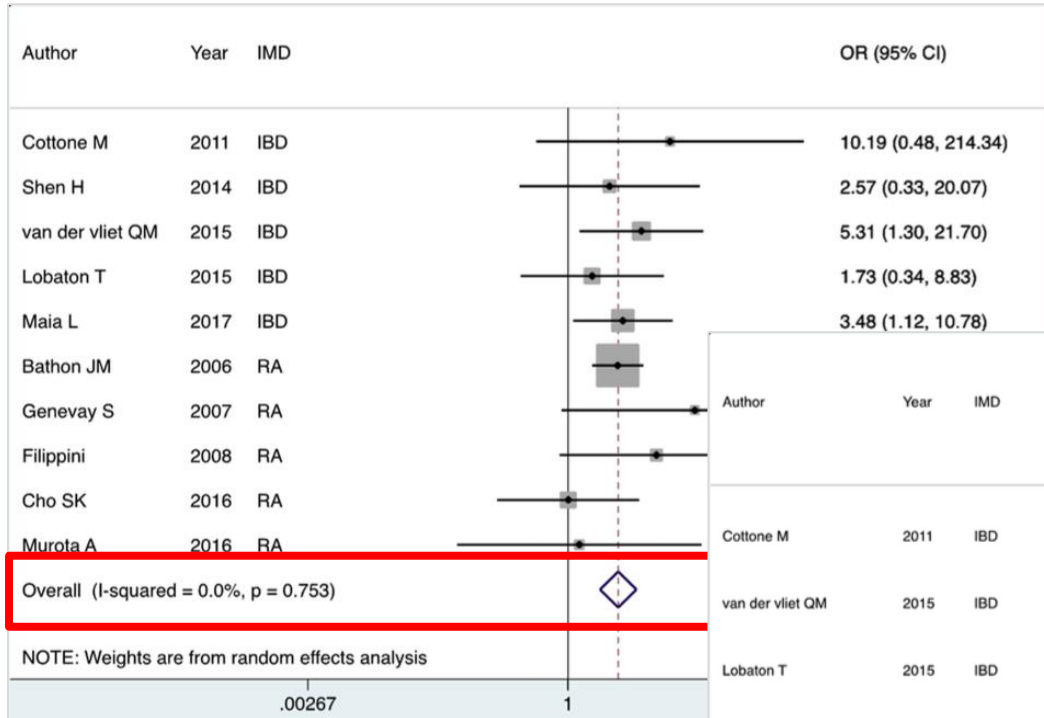
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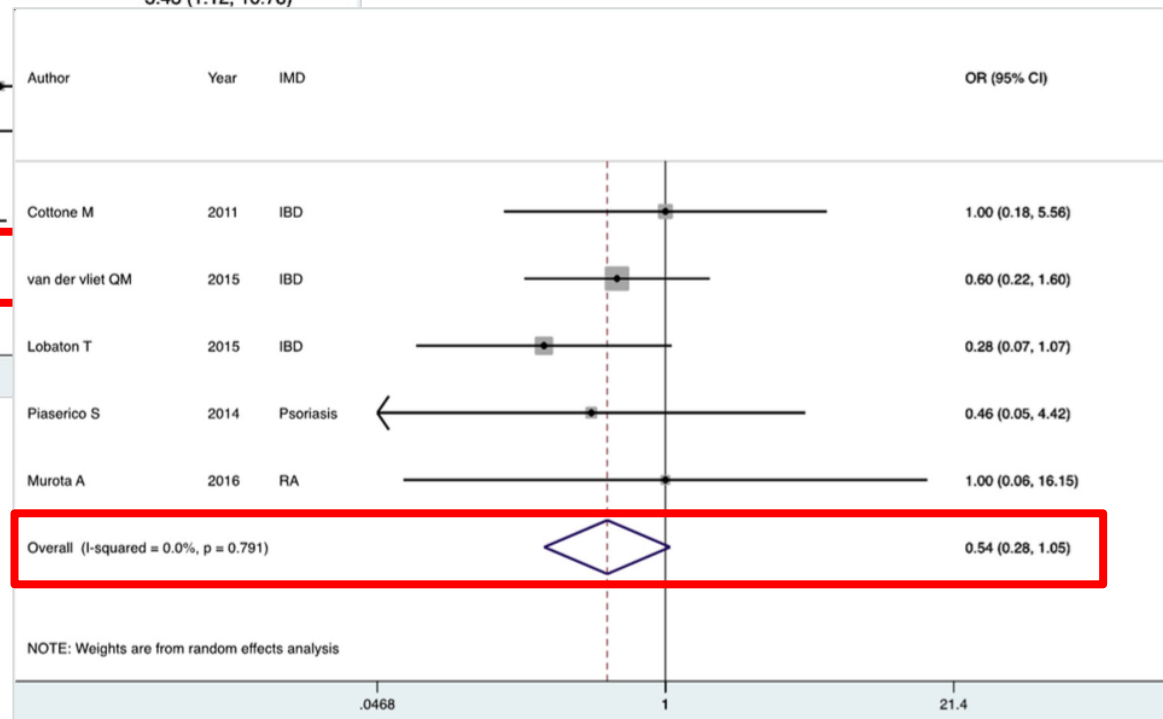


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Older biologic users vs older nonusers



# Conclusioni

- Il **genere** influisce su diversi aspetti dell'AR, come l'epidemiologia, la presentazione della malattia e il trattamento in momenti particolari come la gravidanza e l'allattamento.
- La gestione dei pazienti con **età** superiore a 65 anni richiede un'attenta valutazione dei maggiori rischi legati a questa età (infezioni, neoplasie, osteoporosi) e delle altre comorbidità associate.

**Tutti questi aspetti  
dovrebbero essere sempre in considerazione  
nella gestione individualizzata dei pazienti**



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